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Dearest Esteemed friend

A new year's greeting to you and a disenthralled people. We have now received "official" information of the subscription price of the Liberator for the coming year and have read your remarks upon the subject. Supposing you will not be unwilling to leave the price to your subscribers I enclose \$5.00 as a partial estimate of its value or rather what I should be willing to pay. Its actual value is inestimable.

You hint at discontinuance. Let the response be - Never! Go on with the good cause. There are many architects who can plan well and rear splendidly, but fail in putting on the capstone; and it is a fault with our people, they undertake & partly accomplish much that is estimable, but fail in perfecting. Now the Abolitionists, who have planned so nobly & so far executed so grandly - let them not fail in fully completing the glorious work. It is not yet over, and the labor of love, justice & salvation of the Liberator, never will be over. You, as its earnest founder & supporter, may not live to adjust the capstone. Behold the beautiful fabric of Universal freedom, but from personal knowledge, I know you will leave this great citadel of liberty & strength well garrisoned, & thus we may hope on.

I love the name of your paper. I honor its principles. It seems to mean even more than liberty to bondmen, for it comprehends in its broad humanitarian significance, the liberty of Conscience, of thought & expression, restrained alone by the moral forces of pure, revealed Christian spirit. Opposed, as I have found it, to sectarianism & mere creed making, it encourages the sweet spirit of love as evinced in a full

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recognition of Divinity and the observance of the great laws
of Christian brotherhood in practical life, as described
by the poet:-

Oh brother man! fold to thy heart thy brother,
When pity dwells the love of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a ~~prayer~~^{hymn}, each goodly deed prayer.
It has become a part of my life because it upholds
the equal rights of man & gives precedence only to
actual worth as constituted by practical goodness. Thus
ignoring the fearful corruption of Caste which exists
& unhappily in our midst. It has always & does yet
plead for the emancipation of Slavery, upon the pure
peaceful grounds of Christian justice. It declares
its love & sympathy for Slave & Slaveholder & while
rejecting the sword as a means for carrying out
ends so devoutly desired & while accepting the good
as it comes, it firmly maintains that success
in peace or in war, individually or Nationally is
based upon strict justice.

With a hopeful spirit
Alfred Love

of the human mind in general
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